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M.B.A. Senior Honor Society Begins Year's Activities

At a recent meeting of the Senior Honor Society plans were discussed for presenting a program at some future date. The program is presented annually and consists usually of talent taken from the school. It is a means by which the students are told the purposes and functions of the Senior Honor Society. The Junior Honor Society is also required to present a program of a like nature.

The Senior Honor Society is composed of boys averaging grades of ninety or above for the first two and one-half years of high school. Every March new members are elected into the society and new officers are elected. The president of each society is selected by means of grades; the student making the highest average is automatically made president. The officers serving for the past year have been: President, Nelson Andrews; Vice-president, Alfred Adams; Secretary, Ernest Matthews; Treasurer, Bob Doster.

The Junior Honor Society elects only one officer a year; that of president. The president for the past year has been Bob Lowe. The requirements of the Junior Society is a grade average of eighty-five or better for one year of high school. Its functions are the same as the Senior Society. The purposes of both societies are to promote better grades and produce better character and a sense of leadership in a student. They are nation-wide with branches in high schools all over the country. Each chapter is given a name, which is selected by its members. The chapter at Montgomery Bell is called Totomoi.

The sponsor of the societies for the past several years has been Mrs. Elsie Sharp, and though she is no longer a member of the faculty, she is continuing as sponsor.

Each person, upon becoming a member, is presented with a membership card, a certificate of membership, and if he so desires, a pin. A membership in the National Honor Society is considered one of the highest scholastic honors that is awarded in a high school.

The Roving Reporter

Question of the month: Do you think that the school would benefit by Senior Privileges?

Jack Whiteaker: Senior Privileges should be given a trial and should be maintained provided the seniors do not become too obstreperous.

Alfred Adams: Senior Privileges depending on scholarship would definitely improve the morale of the student body as well as the scholarship of the school.

Jimmy Atkinson: Senior Privileges have gone down in M. B. A. tradition and I think they would improve the attitude of the students.

Nelson Andrews: Senior Privileges combined with scholarship should definitely be a part of M. B. A.

"Pete" Robinson: Senior Privileges would without a doubt improve the morale of the school and the general attitude of the students would be greatly improved.

Buddy Hewitt: Forcing the boys to abide by all the rules is too much. They must have a few privileges of their own.

Bill Bailey: I think that Senior Privileges would increase the respect for seniors and create better student government.

From all that has been written and said concerning the question, it appears that Senior Privileges would indeed improve the attitude of the students. Certainly they could do no harm. Why not give them a fair trial?

Annual Banquet For Footballers Given

The annual football banquet this year was a big success thanks to Mrs. Allen and her fine cooking. A turkey dinner with all the trimmings was enjoyed by all. The table was set in the shape of a T and a "Big Red" Express train with all the players depicted as the center of the T.

Al Whitson presented Coach Allen with a silver tray on behalf of the football team and expressed the team's appreciation and gratitude towards Coach. All the seniors made a speech as did several of the guests.

Jimmy Atkinson was elected captain of next year's team. Jimmy has played football for the past two years and should make an excellent captain. Jack Whiteaker was elected Alternate Captain.

After the speeches by the honored guests which included Mr. Bob Rule, Mr. Sager and Dr. Sam Bernow, Coach presented the letter awards. The following boys received letters: Al Whitson, Jimmy Atkinson, Buddy Hewitt, Nardy Elam, Joe Washington, Alfred Adams, Nelson Andrews, "Pete" Robinson, Jack Whiteaker, Bobby Matthews, Joe Card, Vaden Lackey, Bill Rhodes, Eddie Purks, and Manager Edward McManus. Gold footballs, that have been ordered, will be presented to the entire squad at some later date.

Prof. Rule Sings At Morning Chaper

We of M. B. A. are aware of Professor Rule's talents in teaching, coaching and advising the school paper, but a short while ago we were all surprised when he sang in chapel the following selection—"The Barefoot Trail," that old Scotch favorite "Lassie O' Mine" and "I'll Forget You." He is a tenor and sings very well.

Mr. Rule sang for four years at Carson Newman College, which he attended. While there he sang the leading solo role in "Romeo and Juliet" in his junior year. He also sang in the Glee Club and was

Mr. Rule Writes MBA Proposed Alma Mater

To satisfy a pressing need, the students of Montgomery Bell have at last been given an alma mater. With a great flair of musical talent a member of the faculty, Mr. James Rule, has provided both words and music, both being entirely original.

Professor Rule is not without previous experience. Not only has he composed an alma mater for another high school, but also a fighting song for the football team. He was a music student for many years and is an accomplished tenor. On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Mr. Rule presented the student body with the words, and led in the singing of them, accompanied by the piano. The tune is quite catchy and made an immediate hit. If accepted by the Board of Trust it will become the alma mater of Montgomery Bell.

In order that everyone might acquaint himself with the words we have taken the liberty to print them, as follows:

ALMA MATER

of
Montgomery Bell Academy
There's a name that thrills our
being.

Fill me every heart with pride;
Tis the school we love and honor
And there's none on earth beside.

Chorus:
So, dear school, thy fondest
mem'ries
We'll reverse while ages dwell
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail to thee, Montgomery Bell.

Loyal are thy sons forever
And forever brave and true,
Heaven grant that we may ever
Show unflinching love for you.
Chorus:

So, dear school, thy fondest
mem'ries
We'll reverse while ages dwell
Hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Hail to thee, Montgomery Bell.

Words and Music by
James C. Rule.

president of it both in his junior and senior years.

After graduating from college he directed the Glee Club at Erwin High School. At present he sings in his church choir.

He has just finished writing an alma mater for M. B. A., the first in his history.

Mr. James C. Rule, Professor Of Math At M. B. A. Outstanding In Activities In And Around School

The school without a doubt acquired one of its most versatile members of the faculty last April when Mr. James C. Rule, brother of Bob Rule, ace sports writer for The Nashville Banner, came to

M.B.A. to fill the vacancy as head of the mathematics and principal of the high school department. An air of close camaraderie exists between Mr. Rule and the students, and there is no man at M.B.A. who enjoys and understands boys better than he does, even though he has been with us just a comparatively short time. It is because he has been an active participant in so many different phases of both extracurricular and schoolroom life that he has gotten to know the boys as well as he has.

Born near Sevierville, Tennessee, young Jim Rule spent his boyhood on a farm in that neighborhood, attending a private preparatory school. His versatility never really developed into full bloom until his college days, which he spent at Carson-Newman College, completing the work for his Bachelor of Arts degree in three and a half years. His main courses of study were English and Mathematics. Although he graduated magna cum laude, his activities had only begun with his studies. A proficient athlete, he played on the varsity football, basketball, and baseball squads. Besides these, he was

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M.B.A. Closes One of Most Successful of Past Seasons

Examinations Start For M.B.A. Students

As time and tide wait for no man, so go examinations. That time of year dreaded by teacher and student alike has arrived, the only joy being that they are followed by the Christmas holidays. This year the tests will begin on Thursday, Dec. 14, and last through Tuesday, Dec. 19. Instead of being given by periods, as has been done in previous years, the schedule has been so arranged as to have no student taking two exams in one day. This gives the pupils only one examination to prepare for each day, thereby helping him to do his best.

Three sets of exams are given each year, all of them being averaged together at the end of the year. Although it has been the practice of passing a student if his exam average was above passing regardless of what he made on any one of them. But this year the student body has been notified by Mr. Sager that if a boy flunks any term work he automatically fails the course.

Walks Being Built On School Grounds

A very adequate system of walkways are now under construction at Montgomery Bell Academy.

These walks are being built under the supervision of Mr. Robt. Matthews and the Board of Trust. During the winter months and bad weather these walks are very necessary. After constant tramping the paths become dusty and muddy. These conditions which existed before have a very demoralizing effect on the student body.

Walks to and from the gymnasium and between the science and administration buildings are now being constructed and a walkway from the bus line to the main building is being planned.

The students of M. B. A. greatly appreciate the interest shown by the Board of Trust. Their new endeavor shall prove very useful and necessary.

Holidays To Start After Examinations

According to custom Mr. Sager gave the usual Thanksgiving holidays. This year Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday were awarded the students.

One of the attractions over the holidays was the All-Star football game played at Dudley Stadium on Thanksgiving Day. Six M. B. A. seniors took part in the game and the Scarlet team was coached by Mr. Allen.

Many of the students took in movies during their vacations. Almost any time one went down town he would run into some students.

Examinations begin December 14th and end the 19th at which time our Christmas holidays begin. School routine is resumed again on January 2nd.

Basketball practice will continue through the holidays and the first game is played on January 2nd.

These holidays will provide an opportunity for the students to relax and come back to school better prepared for the new year.

The student body greatly appreciates Mr. Sager's generosity.

As the 1944 football season for prep and high schools made its exit, the statistics reveal that M.B.A.'s mighty Maroons had its greatest season in a number of years. Chased as the greatest offensive machine to operate on the Nashville gridirons this fall, the "Big Red" racked up 224 points as to 65 for their opponents. Only on two occasions has any team held the Maroons to less than 25 points. West High held them to 14 points but that was all they needed as the maroon-clad boys came out on top by a score of 14-7. In the final game of the season the Maroons garnered only 7 points as they dropped this set to East High 12-7. Captain Al Whitson tallied 115 points to lead the scoring for M.B.A. He was only 7 points behind West's Eddie Lawrence who won the individual scoring race of the Interscholastic League. Jimmy Atkinson was second with 39, while Nelson Andrews scored 32, Jack Whiteaker marked 18, Bobby Matthews tallied 14 and Pete Robinson scored 6.

In the opening game of the season the "Big Red" mauled Central High by the overwhelming score of 41-0. Capt. Al Whitson marked twenty-one points while Nelson Andrews counted thirteen. The Maroon line, led by Rudy Hewitt and Alf Adams, held the Tornado well in check.

The next "victim" on M.B.A.'s list was Hillsboro and the Academy laid defeated them 25-0. Arlin Whitson and Andrews led the Maroon offense as they each garnered two touchdowns.

The following week M.B.A. journeyed to du Pont to avenge their 8-0 loss of last year. They returned sporting a 27-0 victory over the Old Hickories. Al Whitson, who has starred and scored in every game this year, tallied two touchdowns and an extra point while Jimmy Atkinson and Bobby Matthews each garnered seven points.

M.B.A.'s next opponent was West High. The Maroons, capitalizing on eight Blue Jay fumbles, marked seven points in the initial canto as Atkinson slashed over from the one yard line and Whitson added the extra. They garnered seven more in the third quarter when Bobby Matthews went over from the three and Atkinson knifed over center for the extra point. Eddie Lawrence scored the Blue Jays' lone marker in the fourth period on a 16-yard off-tackle jaunt. Although outweighed eleven pounds to the man, the Maroon forward wall stymied the Blue Jay offense.

After having their game with the Bobcats of Knoxville Central rained out, the "Big Red" added another victory as they trounced Duncan's Longhorns 39-0. Al Whitson dented the double stripe six times as he scored five touchdowns and an extra to lead the scoring. In the second quarter Pete Robinson gathered in a pass from Capt. Alf for the other Maroon score.

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Fess Hackman Brews Mighty Brew In Lab

The reason for the wide detour that the students take to escape the science building has finally been determined. It seems that this is the time of year that Fess Hackman makes his famous soap. Fess claims it to be the purest of soaps and guarantees it to clean anything. But the odor lingers. However Fess has come through with a solution. He says to grind up some peach seeds and chew on them while in the vicinity. The question is where to get peach seeds.



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THIS IS YOUR NEWSPAPER

In the last issue of this paper we described as one of the aims of the "Bell Ringer" to publish the views and comments of the student body on matters pertaining to the school. We said then and I wish to emphasize now that this is your newspaper. You of the student body write it. You of the student body carry on the business that the paper has initiated. The paper is about you and what you are doing. It attempts to publish your thoughts and desires. It is here that we need your help.

We cannot print your views if we do not know your views. It's up to you to tell us what you think. We know that we can put out a better newspaper knowing what goes on in the minds of the student body.

The purpose of this column is and shall be in the future to give your thoughts and comments along with our own. We have no forum in the student body so perhaps this column can serve as that forum.

In the belief that an argument is about the best way to determine a thing this forum is organized.

If you agree with what we say tell us about it. If you don't agree tell us about that, too. If you have any contributions concerning the various parts of the paper give those contributions to the respective editor. Help him do his job. Any ideas on how to improve the appearance of the paper would be appreciated as would any suggestions that would add to the material value.

Remember, this is your paper. Let's make it just that.

THE VALUE OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

By Tom Proctor

In times like these it is only natural that young men are giving some thought to the future and their place in this chaotic world of today. A majority of us are presently looking forward to our service in the armed forces and then our return to school. Nevertheless, the passing of time will determine the extent of our success. Wherefore, success is our goal, and to attain it we must possess among other things the ability to speak, and to speak well. Often times we all have displayed negligence toward our tasks and certainly we have lacked in our efforts to be good, well-rounded speakers. There will come a time in every one of our lives when we will be called upon to make a speech, and certainly the boys from M. B. A. will want to make a lasting impression on those to whom we speak. Therefore, let's not let the element of time kill a project that is advantageous to our future.

Mrs. Campbell, our speech teacher, is very capable in the field of oratory and she, as well as the other members of the faculty, would like to have every boy in our school interested in speaking.

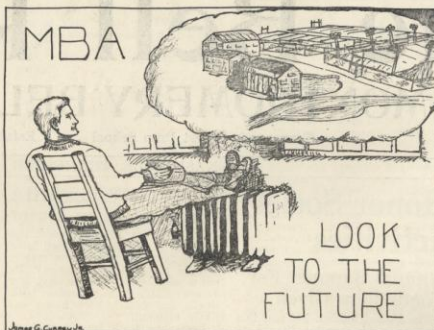
What about it, boys? Let's all get interested in it and in time to come be able to speak well.

ABOUT THE ROVING REPORTER

In this issue of the "Bell Ringer" a new column has been initiated. It is called the Roving Reporter. It came into being at a meeting of the paper staff, where it was decided that a column of this type would be beneficial to students and faculty alike. Questions were to be asked concerning matters considered important around the school. The answers were to be obtained from any student or faculty member. The answers to this month's questions were the product of the M. B. A. Student Council, which is your representative in Student Government. Any matters that you consider important refer to one of the Editors and perhaps the next monthly question can come from this suggestion.

OUR APPRECIATION EXTENDED

The members of the newspaper staff appreciate very much the fine cooperation that Mr. Sager has given us in making this paper possible. He has shown a great deal of interest in the paper and offered many helpful suggestions. We wish to also thank Mr. Ball, who has also showed marked interest and has contributed to the success of the paper. We would still like to see a similar interest among the students.



Class News

Grade School

It is generally agreed that Mrs. Warren's room is about the coldest in the school. The envy of all are Buford Dickerson, Joe Erwin and Franklin Jarman, who have seats next to the radiator. Mrs. Thompson's room now has a clean floor since Roscoe Davis has found a way to remove ink stains. His score is now three bottles of ink.

What would happen if: Arnold Rose had a date? Charles Spock got a haircut? Dickey Barnes had girl trouble? Gary Dorman went on a diet? Jimmy Patterson went to a show without a girl? James Chamberlain got up his lessons? Henry Fitts went out with somebody else besides Mary Elizabeth Cates? Huston Horn would learn to write? John Pogue stopped playing pinball machines? Ace Evans ran out of taxi fare?

Freshman Class

Ed Nelson has undoubtedly the best "line with the women" of any boy in the Freshman Class. Get him to demonstrate his technique. Manning Kirby has switched from drawing planes to drawing tanks. If you want to see real artistic beauty just gaze at some of his creations. Bill Wade and Holly Murdock have been knocking heads for three or four days now to see who could tie and untie each other's shoe strings the most times. The score for Wade is 20 shoestrings and 5 knots on his noodle. Hibbit will have to get to work.

Real competition in the form of Jimmie is pushing his low score mark. Hester has been chalking up straight 20's and is about to nose out Hibbit.

Kirk Rankin's nationally known Sprunkus is coming into its own. Again it won the Tenderfoot Handicap at Austin. If anybody wants to see a Sprunkus in action, see Kirk.

Sophomore Class

I wonder why Tommy Goodloe has made a New Year's resolution not to be caught with his pants down again. Could it be that caveman's legs are not immune to cold weather?

Heath Crowell, a newcomer to our alma mater, seems to be having a little difficulty in English. However, his excuse is always plausible: he can't hear the questions.

Do you have trouble in your classes? Do your teachers always bawl you out? If you want to end it all, Russell (Strong Man) Campbell will be glad to put you out of your misery. He's trying to find someone to test his new super-bomb on.

If you wish to become a member in the Honor Room Club under the able guidance of "Smiley" Haynes, just cut up in Mr. Younger's history class.

Merry Christmas.

Junior Class

Things look rather bad for Nardy Elam now that football season is over. He will have to think of some other excuse for not studying. You can always go out for basketball, Nardy.

Herbert Fox has been nicknamed "The Nose." He is the only person in school who can win a race by a nose before he starts running.

Dan Denney gets a manicure, a shave, and a haircut every day before class by request of Mr. Herrbach.

Julian Scruggs is now sporting a new fur lined overcoat. He is one of the few fur bearing animals of the school.

Senior Class

The question of the month is "Who received Tom Proctor's Teddy Bear?"

Boots Lewis came to school Monday morning complaining of chapped lips. Boots may have been exposed to a severe wind while in Washington but we doubt it.

Bob "Muscles" Whittitt is out for basketball. The team is sure to be a killer.

Bob Doster is without a doubt the hard luck football player of the school. Bob broke his shoulder in the first week of practice. When he was healed he returned to his career on the gridiron and immediately sprained his ankle. Better stick to chess, Bob.

Bobby Zanone's "dijver" has been absent from school lately. What's the trouble, Bob, is she sick?

Anyone desiring to talk airplanes please see Sonny Baker and James "da Vinci" Currey. These two may be found arguing in any nearby corner.

Doc Duck Joke

This joke is undoubtedly the funniest bit of humor to come from the long and undying history of M. B. A. As the joke is somewhat difficult to catch on to, special emphasis should be placed on the "between" and the meaning of this word. Even "Goldbrick" Whitson catches on, so put on your thinking cap.

Pol: "What is the difference between a duck?"

Mag: "I don't know, Pol, what is the difference between a duck?"

Pol: "Both legs are the same."
—Contributed by Freshman Doc.

Hoots From The Owl's Nest

Toy animals—and live ones—certainly are the vogue nowadays. TOM "TOONK" PROCTOR has just made EMMA CAIN a present of a beautiful brown Teddy-bear. This is not the first instance of animal presents either—last Easter BROWNLEE CURRY gave his girl a bunny rabbit—a live one, too.

Speaking of rabbits, ALF ADAMS and JOE WASHINGTON spent the greater part of the Thanksgiving holidays hunting them—and the rest of the holidays nursing frostbitten feet.

JOE MARTIN came back from Chicago with an evasive account of his vacation, and BOOTS LEWIS had some very interesting tales to tell about Washington.

There was a huge turnout on Thanksgiving afternoon at Dudley Stadium to see the Scarlets clash with the Blacks, and all the M.B.A. rooters rooted themselves red in the face for the victorious Scarlets. Especially to be congratulated is NELSON ANDREWS who won a trip to the Sugar Bowl for his outstanding good playing.

COMFORT ADAMS had a dinner party Saturday night, December 2, for a group of Memphis girls and their hostesses. Seen enjoying the spaghetti supper were CLAY BAILEY, ED MCMAHUS, EUGENE HARRIS, and several others.

JESSE FORD, TOM GOODLOE, and BOBBY AKERS were among the large crowd who gathered at ANN CALDWELL'S visitor on Friday night, December 1. Also, CARO WOOLWINE had a dinner party Saturday night, December 2. WOODS FOSTER, for some reason, enjoyed that party rather extra-special.

There was an announcement in the papers that there would be plenty of fireworks for sale this year. I am sure RUSSELL CAMPBELL will be glad to hear this.

HOWARD MAXON, the 30 hour man, is rumored to be rapidly approaching the time record set by the Bearden twins.

ERNEST MATTHEWS is rumored to be making \$35 a day fitting women's shoes—the lucky boy.

BOB LOWE was talking with a very cute girl over at the Joint University library a short while ago. Could it be love?

ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN

One question recently from a wondering soul went like: "I want to know how long girls should be courted." The answer, of course, is: The same as short girls. You're welcome.

And I Quote:

Coach Shorty Hoyal's Purple Hurricane smashed into its fifth G.I.A.A. championship in six years November 19, by handing Lanier its first defeat of the season, 14-16.

—Boys' High Tatler.

Pat: "Father, I know all about Ash Wednesday and Good Friday but what the dickens is Nut Sunday?"

—Boys' High Tatler.

Fleas . . . The Shortest Poem In The World

Adam

Had 'em.

—West Wind.

The Baylor "B" t-am first in th state was finally topped by a gallant McCallie eleven 19-7 in a hard fought contest.

—McCallie Tornado.

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"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

by Ernest Matthews

Each afternoon after school one can hear the dribbling of basketballs and the pitter-patter of feet from the confines of our gymnasium. Yes, basketball season is here at last and it looks as if the Maroons will have another successful year on the hardwood. Twenty boys answered Coach Howard Allen's initial call with five letter lads returning from last year. The returning Maroons are Billy Ferguson, crack guard on the '43-'44 quintet; lanky Charlie Robinson, who promises to be one of the town's outstanding centers this year; Nelson Andrews, Buddy Hewitt, and Jack Whiteaker, all of whom saw action last winter. The most promising new faces are Vaden Lackey, Joe (Shorty) Talbot, Jack Lavender, "Nick" Lanus, and Heath Crowell. From this fine array of netters Coach Allen can pick a group of boys that will compare favorably with any in Nashville.

Three Stars Lost

The "Big Red" lost three star performers via the graduation route last June in the persons of Greer Frierson, Billy Fields and "Corky" Corbitt. Fields and Corbitt teamed together to form one of the best pair of forwards in around Nashville, while Frierson was a standout at one of the guard positions. Robinson and Ferguson rounded out last year's quintet.

Added Features

When the season opens on January 2, the gym will be sporting a number of new features. An electric scoreboard is to be installed; there will be a new loud speaker system; there is to be music to entertain the spectators before the games and during the half-time periods; and of course everyone knows of the "new" floor. It has been sanded and repainted all by tennis shoes made of inferior rubber.

Schedule Promises Exciting Games

A glance below will prove to everyone that the Maroons will have a tough schedule this season but there is little doubt that they will come through with flying colors. Coach Allen has a remarkable talent of making "something out of nothing"; however, I'm not saying that M. B. A. has "nothing." On the other hand it has a great deal of "something" with boys like Robinson, Ferguson, Andrews, Lavender, and the rest.

School Spirit

In last month's issue you read in this column an article entitled "School Spirit" and I want to remind you again that this spirit is very necessary. During football season some of the students had little school spirit but, fellows, let's get behind this basketball team. Whether you like basketball or not is unimportant. You should think enough of Coach Allen, the team, and M. B. A. to get behind them. Coach puts everything into the athletic program here and the team always gives its "all" so what do you say, gang, let's really put out during basketball season.

The Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place
Tues., Jan. 2	Howard	M. B. A.
Fri., Jan. 5	Hume-Fogg	M. B. A.
Sat., Jan. 6	Hillsboro	M. B. A.
Tues., Jan. 9	East	
Fri., Jan. 12	Ryan	Ryan
Sat., Jan. 13	Central	M. B. A.
Tues., Jan. 16	Lipscomb	Lipscomb
Fri., Jan. 19	West	M. B. A.
Sat., Jan. 20	Open	
Tues., Jan. 23	Hume-Fogg	Hume-Fogg
Wed., Jan. 24	Howard	(Place undecided)
Fri., Jan. 26	Central	Central
Sat., Jan. 27	Open	
Tues., Jan. 30	North	M. B. A.
Fri., Feb. 2	Lipscomb	M. B. A.
Sat., Feb. 3	Peabody	M. B. A.
Tues., Feb. 6	East	M. B. A.
Fri., Feb. 9	West	West
Sat., Feb. 10	Hillsboro	Hillsboro
Tues., Feb. 13	North	North
Fri., Feb. 16	Ryan	M. B. A.
Sat., Feb. 17	Open	

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M.B.A. Places Two On All-Nashville

When the "Banner" and "Tennessean" All-Nashville selection for the 1944 football season was announced, it was found—to one's surprise—that two Maroons had won for themselves a place on that "dream team" and two more won positions on the second team. Capt. Al Whitson and Buddy Hewitt were placed at tailback and center, respectively, and Alf Adams and Nelson Andrews were put at guard and wingback on the second team.

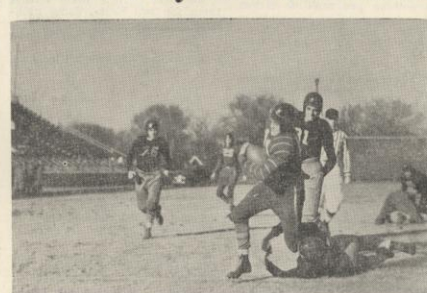
Whitson's swiftness and maneuverability has gained for him the title of "Mr. Snakehips." This speedy Maroon has earned the praises of coaches, players, and fans alike and because of his dangerous broken-field running, many consider him as one of the greatest backs in the city in the past decade. He scored 115 points in eight games and was second only to Eddie Lawrence of West who had 122 for ten games in the individual scoring race. "Mr. Snakehips" scored in every game: Central, 21 points; Hillsboro, 12; du Pont, 13; West, 1; Duncan, 31; Springfield, 18; C. M. A., 12; and East, 7. Capt. Al specialized in long runs, his longest being 80 yards against Duncan. He was a very good passer and a brilliant kicker. A number of his punts traveled between 45 and 55 yards. In addition to his running, passing and kicking he called signals for the "Big Red" and did a very neat job of it.

Buddy Hewitt was unquestionably the best pivot man in Nashville. He made only one bad pass all year and was a standout on offense. His defense even excelled his offense. He was the best line-backer-up in the city and accounted for most of the Maroon tackles. A keen diagnosticator of plays he always seemed to be in the right place at the right time and was seldom ever taken out of a play. His bone-shattering tackles can be vouched for by all of the backs that have played opposite him this season. He handled the place-kicking chores for M. B. A. and his long kickoffs very often set the foe in a hole.

Alf Adams waged a nip-and-tuck battle with Dickie Fulton for one of the guard spots with the East lineman finally winning out. Alf played standout all season on both offense and defense. His great offensive blocking helped open wide holes in the line for the Maroon ball carriers. Like Hewitt he was a steady defensive performer throughout the year and he teamed with the All-Nashville center to set their opponents back again and again. He often broke through alone to nab the enemy backs and usually stopped the line plunges coming his way.

Nelson Andrews stood out as the best wingback in the Interscholastic League but he was injured in the Hillsboro tussle and was forced to stay on the sidelines during the du Pont and West games and therefore could not be placed on the first eleven. He tallied 32 points during the season and ripped through the line and around the ends for numerous gains on his pet reverse. He was an excellent

Scarlet All-Star Team Composed of Many M.B.A. Players Wins Thanksgiving Battle



Nelson Andrews, fleet, hard-driving wingback of the "Big Red Express," won for himself a free trip to the Sugar Bowl as a result of his outstanding play in the All-Star game held on Thanksgiving Day at Dudley Stadium. He is shown here on one of his touchdown jaunts, eluding Eddie Lawrence, No. 71, and Roy Slaymaker, No. 81. He was the best back on the field as he led in yards gained and in scoring. In scoring 19 points his touchdown jaunts were 4, 13 and 32 yards. He also caught a pass from M. B. A.'s Al Whitson for an extra point.

The husky Maroon lad again and again drove through the Blacks' line on numerous gains and he was one of the main reasons that Coach Howard Allen's Scarlets won a 27-7 victory. He was superb on defense as he made a number of tackles and recovered a fumble which paved the way for one of his goalward sprints. Congratulations, "Andy."

pass snagger and often displayed his talents in this department. He had plenty of speed to go along with powerful driving and was very good on defense, operating at one of the halfback positions.

Here you have them, the boys that were selected by coaches, players, officials, and sportswriters for the 1944 All-Nashville team.

Maroons Select All-Opponent Combine

The M. B. A. combine has selected its all-opponent team. This team consists of boys who have been outstanding against the Maroons both on offense and defense throughout the current year.

The Cadets of Columbia Military Academy dominated the squad by placing four men while East High was second with three. West High had two positions and Springfield and Hillsboro netted one each.

The Squad:

End: Dugger, East.
End: Watson, C. M. A.
Tackle: Phillips, West.
Tackle: Fulton, East.
Guard: Harris, East.
Guard: McWhorter, West.
Center: Dorris, C. M. A.
B. B.: Wade, Hillsboro.
W. B.: Risher, Springfield.
T. B.: Hansen, C. M. A.
F. B.: Webster, C. M. A.
Dugger: This lanky East flankman was probably the outstanding pass receiver in the city. He played an excellent defensive game against the Maroons and set up the second East touchdown with a magnificent catch and raced goalward before he was pulled down on the M. B. A. 15-yard stripe.

Watson: This small end was one of the best linemen in the C. M. A. tussle. He was good on offense and even better on defense. Phillips: Weighing 190 pounds, the Blue Jay captain was a steady performer all season. His defensive work was instrumental in holding the Maroons to only a 14-7 victory.

Fulton: The Eagle tackle was one of the main reasons that East defeated the "Big Red." His offensive work was fine as was his defense.

Harris: A teammate of Fulton and Dugger, he was the outstanding defensive lineman on the field. On numerous occasions he broke through the Maroon forward wall and set the M. B. A. lads back for a loss.

McWhorter: Considered as one of the best linemen in Nashville, he played one of his best games against M. B. A.

Dorris: One of the mainstays on the Columbia team, he was a

bruising tackler and a very much better than average passer and blocker.

Wade: The green and gold captain was the "toughest" player the Maroons have contended with this year. Although injured, he was the outstanding Burro on the field on both offense and defense. He scored their lone marker.

Risher: The greatest passer that M. B. A. has encountered this year. His tosses seldom ever missed the "bull's eye" as he threw two for touchdowns and ran over a third marker.

Hansen: A great little tailback, he led the Cadet's offense against the "Big Red" as he scored 12 points.

Webster: The former Maroon was excellent on offense and defense before he was injured. He tallied 8 points.

M. B. A. CLOSES

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M. B. A. displayed the greatest exhibition of offensive power shown by any team this fall as they walloped the Yellow Jackets of Springfield 45-20. Whitson led the scoring with eighteen points. End Jack Whiteaker scored twelve, Jimmy Atkinson nine, and Nelson Andrews six. The Maroons tallied thirteen points in the first quarter, nineteen in the second and thirteen in the fourth. The Jackets' outstanding offensive star was Jewell Risher who tallied six points and passed two touchdown aeriels to Ray Dodd. Alf Adams and Buddy Hewitt displayed their defensive talents along with the rest of the linemen.

C. M. A. threw a scare into the Maroons as they led 20-19 at the half but M. B. A. came back to mark seven points in the final period to down the Cadets 26-20. During the first half both teams marked touchdown for touchdown but the Maroon defense was too much for the Columbia lads during the second half. Whitson scored twelve points, Atkinson seven, Whiteaker six and Nelson Andrews one. Walter Hansen, C. M. A. tailback, was the loudest offensive gun against the "Big Red" as he marked twelve points while Ben Webster tallied eight for the losing combine.

M. B. A., gunning for a possible state and city championship, tasted the bitter yetch of defeat for the first time as they bowed to a keyed up band of red and grey Eagles of East High 7-12. An early Maroon threat died on the one yard line as Nelson Andrews slipped and fell. Whitson scored all seven of the "Big Red's" points. Tom Keyser and Doug Harris were the big guns on the Eagle eleven.

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Nelson Andrews, superb M.B.A. wingback, led Howard Allen's "Scarlet" All-Stars to a decisive 27 to 7 win over Joe Sills' "Black" All-Stars in the All-Star game played at Dudley Stadium on Thanksgiving Day.

More than 8,500 spectators fought a bitter cold wind to watch the battle, the proceeds of which are going for a giant Christmas party for the convalescents at the Army Air Forces Hospital on Thompson Lane, under the auspices of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Nelson "Ambling Andy" Andrews got off touchdown runs of 13, 4, and 32 yards to pace the Scarlet scoring. In addition to his six-point jaunts he caught one of Al Whitson's passes for an extra point.

At the beginning of the game it looked as if the Blacks were going to have an easy time. The Blacks kicked off down to the Scarlet's 17 yard line. After a couple of live plays lost four yards, Whitson backed up and fished a punt out of bounds on the 15.

Lawrence and Bobby Shepherd picked up two, and then Eddie flipped a "fat" pass to Jack Seely of Hillsboro down to the six. Shepherd made one for a first down and two plays later he rammed across for the tally, four minutes and twenty seconds after the kickoff. Donald Webb sent the ball through the uprights to halt the Blacks' scoring for the afternoon.

The turning point of the game came two plays before the end of the second quarter when Johnny Dugger, All-City from East, broke through and recovered a blocked kick on the Blacks' 32 yard line. Andrews made nine yards on a reverse and caught a 10-yard pass from Whitson down on the 13. Nelson hurdled over the left side of the line and broke into a clear field for 13 yards and the first of his three touchdown sprint. Whitson passed to Matthews for the extra that tied the count.

Another fumble by Lawrence that was recovered on the Scarlet 47 by Andrews set them on their way to the second touchdown.

On the first play after Andrews bounced on Eddie's fumble, Whitson was slaughtered by a host of tacklers and had to leave the game. Nelson and Jimmy Holmes of du Pont took turns and smashed their way down to the Blacks' 25. North's Keller Chapman took the ball on an 11-yard run to the five. After a couple of line plunges, Andrews took the ball through center for his second touchdown of the day.

The third stanza was scoreless, but the next Scarlet score was the product of a sustained drive that covered 79 yards and began in the scoreless period. Whitson, returning to the game, brought Lawrence's punt back seven yards to his own 21. Andrews gained four, Whitson ran the ball three straight times and carried it to the 47. Alf flipped a pass to Matthews for four yards and on the next play he went 30 yards around end to the Blacks' 19. Holmes made seven and one, and Whitson failed to gain as the quarter ended. Andrews picked up two for a first down on the nine, Matthews plowed for four, and Alf got the secondary uneasy with an incomplete pass.

Howard Allen then sent Litton's Richard Maddux into the game, and on the first play he took the ball on an end around for the score.

A few moments later Dugger rushed through to block the second kick of the day and set up Andrews' 32-yard scoot. After an incomplete pass thrown by Whitson, Andrews took the ball on his pet reverse and whipped out to the sidelines for the longest run of the entire afternoon. Alf's fling to Andrews which was good for the extra wound up the scoring.

Buddy Hewitt and Johnny Dugger were the two best linemen on the field what Pete Holt of T.L.S. was best for the losers. Andrews and Holt were chosen as the stars of the game for a free trip to the Sugar Bowl game.



Personality of Month

This month's personality is a boy everybody knows. Alfred Adams is one of the best liked boys at M. B. A. as well as being a very capable leader in both scholastics and athletics.

In football he has stood out as one of the finest running guards that have come forth in many a year. He was perhaps the team's most consistent performer and could always be counted on when the going was tough. Although greatly under-rated Alf nevertheless made one of the second team All-Nashville guard spots, the position that was perhaps most difficult to choose.

Alf's other interest in sports trend towards hunting and it is not often that he does not bring home the bacon.

Scholastically Alfred is one of the foremost boys of the school. He is vice president of the Senior Honor Society, which attribute to this fact.

A graduate of Woodmont, Alfred came to Montgomery Bell four years ago as a freshman. Since that time he has piled up a truly enviable record of achievement in and around the school.

Alf is a member of the Student Council, a position which he also held last year. His honest and fair judgment has been a big factor in the Council's success.

Alf's plans for the future are rather indefinite. He may graduate in January and either go to Vanderbilt or the Army. However he probably will complete the year at M. B. A.

Some little points of interest about Alf are:

His favorite food is steak.

His favorite pastime is hunting.

His favorite expression is "Get 'em in there, Curly, Whoo!"

His favorite subject is English.

His favorite sport is football.

His favorite comic character is Bugs Bunny.

He hates french fried moth balls (hominny).

His greatest gift is his keen sense of humor.

Alfred is certainly a compliment to his parents, Maj. and Mrs. Alfred T. Adams, because of his industrious, honest, and cheerful nature in and around the school.

The members of the football team have just recently received their Silver football. It was only natural that "Goldbrick" Whitson got a gold one.

Mr. Sager has announced that he would appreciate it if the students would throw snow balls on the campus and not in the class rooms.

The whole school is anxiously waiting for the piano concert which Joe Washington will put on at a later date. Joe is an accomplished pianist and it is a rare treat to hear him play.

Mr. Rule, who coaches our golf team, showed the boys a movie of actual games. The film was mainly for the benefit of the golf team but all boys were invited. Many intricate shots were shown and this undoubtedly will help our "tee" team a great deal this spring.

The football team enjoyed a dinner last night given by Dr. Fields. His generosity is greatly appreciated by the boys.

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JOKES

Cop—Son, you were doing over sixty.

Kirkpatrick—Isn't it wonderful . . . and I just learned how to drive yesterday.

Prof. Herrbach—Boys! There is nothing you can't do if you try!

Burns—Did you every try squeezing toothpaste back into the tube, Fess?

Mr. Sager—I understand that instead of going to school yesterday, you went to a basketball game.

Drumright—That's not true—and I've got a string of fish to prove it.

Goodloe—I guess the post office people aren't so smart.

Prof. Younger—Why do you say that?

Goodloe—I sent a letter addressed to the Dumbest Boy in America and it came back to me.

Mr. Hackman—What do we mean by wasted energy?

J. J. Hooker—Like telling a hair-raising story to a bald-headed man.

Trainer (Just after tail spin)—I'll bet 50 per cent of the people down there thought we were going to be killed that time.

Student Pilot Baker—Yes, sir! And 50 per cent of the people up here thought so, too.

SPECIAL JOKE

(Told by Coach and used with his permission—Ed.)

Three bulls were walking along the road. A papa bull, a mama bull, and a little bull. The papa bull saw some nice green grass over at the side of the road. "I'll ditch these other two bulls," he thought, "and get something to eat." So he got away from the other two and commenced eating. The other two bulls kept going and soon the mama bull saw some rye, so she decided she would ditch the little bull and get her something to eat and she did. The little bull kept going for a long way and soon came to another country. The moral of this joke is that a little bull goes a long way.

At M.B.A., besides teaching mathematics all day long, he coaches the tennis and golf teams, and sponsors the school paper.

At present, in addition to his work in connection with Montgomery Bell Academy, Mr. Rule is working on his Master's degree at Peabody College for Teachers, majoring in School Administration.

A prolific writer, he has published one book of poems entitled "The Voice of the South," and has written one play which has been produced in New York. Also, he has written an Alma Mater for the school, complete with original words and an original tune, which may be formally adopted as the school song by the Board of Trustees.

Married, and having two children, Mr. Rule says he is a family man at heart and like to spend his leisure time with them, although it is difficult to imagine how he could have much time to call his own.

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Mr. Rule: "If you found \$10 in one of your pants pockets and \$5 in the other, what would you have?"

D. Tate: "Somebody else's pants."

Mr. Cornelius (during exams): "That chap is the laziest pupil I ever saw."

Murdock: "He's been sitting there for two hours, doing nothing."

Mr. Cornelius: "How do you know?"

Murdock: "I've been sitting here watching him."

Little Boy: "My mother sent me to get a chicken."

Butcher: "Do you want a pullet?"

Little Boy: "No, thanks, I'll carry it."

Lieutenant (in a rage): "Who told you to put flowers on the Colonel's desk?"

Orderly: "The Colonel, sir."

Lieutenant: "Pretty, ain't they?"

Recruiting Officer: "You look perfectly healthy. Any scars on you?"

Volunteer: "No, sir, but I'll be glad to give you some cigarettes."

Boots (to Owsley running down the street): "What are you doing running down the street after the street car?"

Owsley: "I'm running after this street car to save five cents."

Boots: "Gosh, you're dumb. Why don't you run along behind a taxi and save thirty-five cents?"

Someone called over here at school and the person that answered the phone said "This is heaven; which little angel do you want to speak to?"

MR. JAMES C. RULE

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sports editor for the college newspaper, and president of the Glee Club for two years.

After his graduation from college he did some summer work at the University of Tennessee, and went from there to Erwin, Tennessee to become mathematics instructor and assistant principal at Erwin High School, a position he held for ten years. Still interested and active in sports, Mr. Rule helped coach the football and basketball teams, was head coach of the tennis team, sponsored the school newspaper, and directed the Glee Club.

Retiring from school-teaching temporarily, he owned and operated "The Erwin Observer," the local newspaper. After a short time as a newspaper operator, and still eager to know as many young people as he could, he accepted a position with the American Technical Society. In time he was promoted to Division Manager of the Southeastern States. For the two years prior to his teaching at M.B.A. Mr. Rule worked with the American Technical Society on the Pre-Induction program for boys who would soon be entering the armed services.

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With Our Alumni

by Bob Lowe, Jr.

Many of our older alumni have given M. B. A. just reason to be proud of the records they have and are making. Among them is George A. Sloan of New York City, and a former Nashvillian. Mr. Sloan has recently been elected chairman of the board of directors of the Southern Agriculturalist. He is, also, a member of the Board of Trust of Vanderbilt University. Mr. Sloan is a director and member of the finance committee of the U. S. Steel Corporation, president of the Nutrition Foundation of New York, and is serving his second term as president of the New York Southern Society. He is a member of the Academy of Political Science, and has been president of the Metropolitan Opera Association since 1940. A graduate of M. B. A. and Vanderbilt, Mr. Sloan served overseas in the first World War as an infantry officer.

Major James Benton Neil, III, a former Nashville dentist, has been promoted from the rank of captain in Italy where he is serving with the Vanderbilt Hospital Unit. Major Neil graduated from M. B. A., attended Vanderbilt University for three years and received his dental degree from the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry.

William Randolph Smith has recently been commissioned an Ensign in the United States Naval Reserve following completion of training at the U. S. N. R. Midshipman's School, Notre Dame University. Ensign Smith is now receiving instruction as an aviation engineer in the Naval Air Technical Training Center at Memphis.

Capt. Robert J. Seabolt, a member of the Air Transport Command, was awarded the Air Medal for "courageous and superior performance" of duty in flying over the dangerous and difficult Assam-China air routes where enemy interception and attack was probable and expected.

Lt. Risley P. Lawrence, U. S. N. R., has been promoted from the rank of lieutenant, junior grade, and placed in command of an LCS.

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at his San Diego, Calif., base, it was learned recently.

President of the National Young Democratic Clubs of America and Tennessee's former Secretary of State, Joe C. Carr is now in the army and stationed in Washington, D. C. Recently he has been home for a visit with our present Secretary of State; his wife, Mrs. Joe Carr, and their two children.

In our younger group we are glad to welcome home Jimmy Hailley of the Army Corps who has been stationed at Duke University.

Billie McNutt, who is in Uncle Sam's army is home on furlough.

Sidney McAllister came home yesterday from Los Vegas, N. M. Sidney has just received his radio wings in the Army Air Forces and will be with us for a few days.

Elmer Davies came up from Seawance for the week-end. Elmer will only be home for three or four days during the Christmas holidays.

Spencer Stroud from Davidson College, in North Carolina, is being transferred to Auburn, Ala., A. S. T. R. P. Spencer is happy to be home for a few days before going to his new assignment.

John Barton from Georgia Tech gave everybody a nice surprise when he arrived to spend Saturday and Sunday with home folks. John will get ten days at home during Christmas time.

We hope we will have the opportunity of welcoming home during the holiday season many of our alumni who are now serving Uncle Sam's armed forces both at home and in foreign fields.

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